

**February 4, 2024**

*Carmel's mission is to further Christ's Kingdom  
through loving God and loving others.*

**MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)**

Prelude: *Sandi Vonk*

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Worship Songs: *"Hymn of Heaven"*  
*"This Is Our God"*

Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Hymn: **#437** *"Trust and Obey"*  
(Offering for the General Fund)  
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:1-7

Message: **"Too Little? Too Much?"**

Music Video: *"You've Already Won"*

Closing Hymn: **#486** *"I Surrender All"*  
(Offering for Rocky Mountain High)

Search Team/Consistory Update

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Sandi Vonk*

(\*please stand if you are able)

**EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)**

Prelude: *Sandi Vonk*

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Worship Hymns: **#30** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*  
**#668** *"The Church's One Foundation"*

Invocation

Responsive Reading: **#1248 Selection 20**  
*"His Steadfast Love"*

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn: **#507** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:22-2:10

Message: **"Christ The Cornerstone"**

\*Closing Hymn: **#147** *"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"*

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Sandi Vonk*

(\*Please stand if you are able)

***Welcome to worship. May God's love be made known to you during your time shared here today. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.***

**A warm welcome** to Stacey Jasper as he leads our morning service and Pastor Harlan De Jong as he leads our evening service.

**Guest Register:** During the first offering this morning, please sign and pass the "Guest" Register down the row. Once it reaches the end and members and guests have signed, please pass it back to the center.

## TODAY

10:45 a.m.—**Sunday School.**

Preschool-1st grade meet in the music room.

2nd-6th grade meet in the sanctuary.

**Lesson:** “*David Fought Goliath*”

**Sunday School Guide Class** meet in the library.

6:30 p.m.—**Jr & Sr RCYF**

**Nursery Attendants:** Sara S., Hannah S., Aniya R., Slayden S.

**Door Attendant:** Cal. **Ushers:** Austin (M); Orlin (NE); Greg (SW). **Audio:** Warren. **Video:** Dale. **Power Point:** Tonia.

**After Service Greeters:** Leon & Jerry (M), Mark (NE), Shawn (SW).

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, February 5

7:00 p.m.—**GEMS and Cadets**

### Tuesday, February 6

8:00 p.m.—**Diamonds Ministry**

### Wednesday, February 7

7:00 p.m.—**Prayer Meeting**

#### **Wednesday Night Activities**

Lesson: “*God’s Covenant with Abram*”

### Saturday, February 10

3:30 p.m.—**Jr. RCYF Leaves church for Great Bear**

Eat Supper at Pizza Ranch and will be back to the church by 9:30 p.m.

## NEXT SUNDAY, February 11

**Nursery Attendants:** Lexy Van Ginkel, Whitney Van Essen, Al-ydia Sandbulte, Ava Sandbulte. **Door Attendant:** Jack Soodsma.

**Ushers:** Trevor Pieper (M); Brad Beukelman (NE); Kendrick Van Kekerix (SW). **Refreshments:** Mike Haverhals, Tony Rau.

**Cookies:** Sandi Vonk, Doree Wolfswinkel, Sherri Wolfswinkel, Misty Zwart, Frieda Bartels. **Special Music:** Tom Zwart. **Spe-**

**cial Offering:** Mission Projects (am) and Cadets (pm).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **Uphold in Prayer**

*Warren Post* is receiving chemo treatments for lung cancer.

*Kyle Van Ginkel* serving in the army.

Keep the *Search Team* and the search process in your prayers.

**Praying for our local congregations:** This week please be in prayer for God’s blessing for the Good Shepherd Congregation and Pastor Travis Else.

**Please help us to help you:** When you have an illness, accident, upcoming surgery, birth or death in the family, or other needs, please notify one of the elders or the church office.

**Attention Treasurers:** Your books will be audited on Monday evening, February 5. Please have your check register, record book, receipts and bank statements from October 2022 to December 2023 in the Consistory Room **by NOON on Monday, February 5.**

Our sympathies to *Keith & Karla Kooi and family* and *Ross & Nikki Hulstein and family* on the death of Keith’s father and Ross’s grandfather, *Bill Kooi*, who passed away Sunday, January 28.

Happy Anniversary to *Harold & LaVonne Van Essen* who will celebrate their 52th wedding anniversary today, February 4.

Happy Anniversary to *Peter & Eve De Jong* who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, February 7.

The following officers were elected at the January Consistory Meeting: Mark Van Voorst-Vice President; Jerry Noteboom-Clerk; Dan Fedders-Pulpit Supply; Shawn Sandbulte-Youth; Leon Franken-Hospitality; Denny De Jong-Education; Eric Van Roekel-Chairman of Deacons; Ryan Oostra-Christian Care Fund; Mike Bomgaars-General Fund; Ross Hulstein-Property Fund; Nate Van Ginkel-Mission Fund; James Vanden Brink-Outreach, Building, and Transportation Funds.

There are gallon ice cream buckets of leftover soup and sandwich meat in the kitchen fridge. If you or someone you know is in need of food, please take any leftovers you’d like. If you are able, please consider giving a donation to Jr. RCYF for any leftover food you take.

-Jr. RCYF Sponsors & Kids

It's time to start working on quilts and pillowcases for Royal Family Kids campers. We need 45 quilts completed by July. Kits have been precut for simple strip quilts and instructions are provided for simple sewing. If you are interested in helping with this mission, contact Anita Van Ravenhorst at 712-541-1744 or email at [adraven@mtcnet.net](mailto:adraven@mtcnet.net). These campers treasure their quilts and pillowcases! Help us bless these campers!

Katelynn's Fund February Support Meeting for Foster Care and Adoption is Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Centerpointe Church in Sioux Center. Pastor Mark & Barbie Schwarz will share their story.

The NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6. **Voices: A Documentary Film** about psychosis will be shown. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome.



## Galentines

Women's life is excited to celebrate Y.O.U. again this year!

- \* Grab your best Gal Pal and head to the Grain House in Hull for this fun event!
  - \* **Tuesday, February 13 at 7 pm**
  - \* Bring along one \$10 gift card to your favorite place to share (retail store, movie theater, coffee shop, food truck, etc.)
  - \* Come for a fun night out with the gals to laugh, have some yummy drinks and play a fun game!
- Contact Kristi Gesink or the church office to sign up!

**GENERAL FUND GIVING:** Offering : \$665.00  
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$59,596.90  
Property Fundraiser Offering: \$7,586.28  
Property Fundraiser: \$149,766.31

Throughout the pages of the Bible, Scripture testifies regularly to the power of song and music as a way to honor and worship God, calling on the faithful to join in. At Carmel Reformed Church, this begins at a young age thanks to those who lead Praise Team.

*In 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, the Apostle Paul speaks of the body of Christ: the church. With Christ as head and we as the body, we are called to work together as one unit, depending on each other to use our gifts to build each other up.* Throughout a series of articles in the Newsletter, we have been going through a "body building" season so that we may all consider the many different parts, praying for them, thanking and encouraging those involved and asking how God can use each of us and our gifts here in Carmel. The next article in this ongoing series focuses on the Music Program.

The Music Program in Carmel consists of the Praise Team led by Jamie Van Voorst with a rotation of 15 members: Dan Fedders, Kay Koedam, Monica Kuyper, Adam Nibbelink, Loren Punt, Kassidy Robinson, Matt Smolders, Sofia Sandbulte, Addison Terpstra, Nate Van Otterloo, Shelly Van Otterloo, Beau Van Voorst, Paula Van Voorst, Heidi Vande Zandschulp, Kelly Zinnel and several instrumentalists.

Sunday School music leaders are: Barb Punt, Deb Dibbet, Brooke Byker, and Kiley Landman.

Organist/pianists are: Nora Bohl and Sandi Vonk.

We give thanks for those who serve in the Music Program in Carmel today, as well as the many who have served in the past, as it is through their dedication that the rafters of our church continue to reverberate with the happy praises of our church's children and members.



Easter Lilies

## ORDER EASTER LILIES

With Easter quickly approaching we would like your help in decorating the front of church with Easter Lilies. Stop by the coffee station in the Fellowship Hall. Fill out a slip and put it, along with \$20 per Lily, in an envelope and place it in the box.

Make checks payable to Carmel Women's Ministries.

**Deadline to order Lilies is February 18!**

## **Hymn of Heaven**

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;  
To look upon the One who bled to save me,  
And walk with Him for all eternity.

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.  
There will be a day when death will be no more,

Standing face to face  
With He Who died and rose again.  
Holy, holy is the Lord.

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation,  
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear,  
In the end we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears.

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.  
There will be a day when death will be no more,  
Standing face to face  
With He Who died and rose again.  
Holy, holy is the Lord.

And on that day we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith,  
With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain."

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Forever He shall reign!!

So let it be today, we shout the hymn of Heaven.  
With angels and the saints,  
we raise a mighty roar.  
Glory to our God,  
Who gave us life beyond the grave  
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## This Is Our God

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame?  
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape,  
But He came, and He died, and He rose.  
Those walls are rubble now.

Remember those giants we called death and grave?  
They were like mountains that stood in our way,  
But He came, and He died, and He rose.  
Those giants are dead now.

This is our God,  
This is who He is: He loves us.  
This is our God,  
This is what He does: He saves us.  
He bore the cross, beat the grave.  
Let heaven and earth proclaim,  
"This is our God, King Jesus."

Remember that fear that took our breath away?  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray,  
But he Heard ev'ry word, ev'ry whisper.  
Now those altars in the wilderness  
Tell the story of His faithfulness.  
Never once did He fail, and He never will.

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Who pulled me out of that pit?  
He did, He did.  
Who paid for all of our sin?  
Nobody but Jesus.  
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Who rescued me from the grave?  
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Who gets the glory and praise?  
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## **You've Already Won**

There's peace that outlasts darkness  
Hope that's in the blood  
There's future grace that's mine today  
That Jesus Christ has won

So I can face tomorrow  
For tomorrow's in Your hands  
All I need You will provide  
Just like You always have

I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won  
No matter what comes my way  
I will overcome

I don't know what You're doing  
But I know what You've done  
I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won

When the sea is raging  
Your Spirit is my help  
He'll fix my heart on Jesus Christ  
I'll say that it is well

Oh, I know that it is well

I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won  
No matter what comes my way  
I will overcome

I don't know what You're doing  
But I know what You've done  
I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won

I know how the story ends  
We will be with You again

You're my Savior my defense  
No more fear in life or death  
I know how this story ends

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You've already won  
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I will overcome

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